

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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[Docket RSPA-98-4957; Notice 12]Notice of Extension of Existing  
Information CollectionAGENCY: Research and Special Programs  
Administration, DOT.ACTION: Request for OMB approval and  
public comments.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) published a notice seeking public comments on a proposed renewal of an information collection for the Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program for Pipeline Operators (64 FR 54065, October 5, 1999). No comments were received. This information collection requires gas pipelines, hazardous liquid pipelines, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) operators to document their alcohol misuse prevention programs. The public has an additional 30 days to comment on the extension of this information collection requirement.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received January 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957, and be mailed directly to the Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: RSPA Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program.

OMB Number: 2137-0587.

Type of Request: Extension of an existing information collection.

**Abstract:** Alcohol misuse has been identified by the Federal Government as a significant danger to safety in the United States, and it is reasonable to assume that the problem exists in the gas pipeline, hazardous liquid pipeline, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) industries. The potential harmful effects of alcohol misuse on safe pipeline and LNG facility operations warrant the comprehensive alcohol misuse testing regulation imposed on the pipeline industry. The regulations at 49 CFR part 199 require information collection for an alcohol misuse prevention plan and associated testing records.

**Respondents:** Gas pipelines, hazardous liquid pipelines, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility operators.

**Estimate of Burden:** 6 hours per operator.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Burden:** 10,278 hours.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,713.

Copies of this information collection can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility, Plaza 401, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. They also can be viewed over the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

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